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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): PROCESS FOR LABELING A NUCLEIC ACIDBy (Inventors): Ali LAAYOUN, Lionel MENOU, Christelle TORA, Alope R. BANERJEE, Michael M. BECKER, Kenneth A. BROWNE, Matthew C. FRIEDENBERG and Fred F. HAJJAR

- ☐ Formal drawings (Figs. \_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_ sheets) are attached.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to BIO MERIEUX and GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED is filed herewith.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/172,136, filed December 17, 1999.--  
☐ Priority of foreign application(s) No. \_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_ is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.  
☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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| INDEP CLAIMS   | 3 - 3     | = 0       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED |           |           |

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## SMALL ENTITY

| RATE    | FEE    |
|---------|--------|
|         | \$ 355 |
| x 9 =   | \$     |
| x 40 =  | \$     |
| + 135 = | \$     |
| TOTAL   | \$     |

OTHER THAN A  
SMALL ENTITY

| RATE  | FEE     |
|-------|---------|
|       | \$ 710  |
| x 18  | \$ 306  |
| x 80  | \$      |
| + 270 | \$      |
| TOTAL | \$ 1016 |

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